

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GURNEE VILLAGE BOARD**

**GURNEE VILLAGE HALL  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Mayor Kovarik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Other Officials in Attendance</b>	Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; David Ziegler, Assistant Village Administrator/Community Development Director; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Scott Drabicki, Village Engineer; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Tom Rigwood, Director of Public Works; John Kavanagh, Fire Chief; Sandra Campbell, Deputy Police Chief; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator
<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>PRESENT: 6- Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson</b> <b>ABSENT: 0- None</b>
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Mayor Kovarik led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b><u>A. PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b>	None.
<b><u>B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</u></b>	<p>It was moved by Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.</p> <p><b><u>Roll call,</u></b> <b>AYE: 6- Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson</b> <b>NAY: 0- None</b> <b>ABSENT: 0- None</b> <b>Motion Carried.</b></p>
<b><u>C. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE</u></b>	<p>The Village Administrator read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2017 Village Board meeting.</li><li>2. Approval of request for Police Officer Thomas Yencich to attend the NIPAS Mobile Field Force Operations Training from December 4 - 9, 2017 in Anniston, AL at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.</li><li>3. Approval of authorizing Fire Chief to issue a fireworks permit for Warren Township High School Varsity Football Game on October 6, 2017 at Warren Township High School – O’Plaine Campus.</li><li>4. Approval of waiving the formal bidding process and renewing agreement with Impact for eleven multifunction printers - 24-month agreement at an estimated monthly cost of \$2,360.85 per month.</li><li>5. Approval of Payroll for period ending September 15, 2017 in the amount of \$819,894.80.</li><li>6. Approval of Bills for the period ending September 25, 2017 in the amount of \$1,394,003.62.</li></ol> <p>It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.</p> <p><b><u>Roll call,</u></b> <b>AYE: 6- Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson</b> <b>NAY: 0- None</b> <b>ABSENT: 0- None</b> <b>Motion Carried.</b></p>
<b><u>D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Administration of Oath of Office for the promotion of Firemedic John Rikje to Fire Lieutenant.</li></ol> <p>Fire Chief Kavanagh briefly spoke about Rikje’s accomplishments and Mayor Kovarik administered the Oath of Office.</p>

Fire Lieutenant Rice thanked everyone for all of the support.

2. Introduction and recognition of 2017 Gurnee Queens:
  - Miss Gurnee Melissa Kreppein
  - Junior Miss Gurnee Teagan Friedlander
  - Little Miss Gurnee McKlaine Bracewell

Mayor Kovarik introduced each Queen, which was followed by each introducing themselves to the Board and audience. Mayor Kovarik presented each Queen with a photo album.

3. Approval of a Proclamation designating October 2017 as “Let’s Talk Month” in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Kovarik read proclamation into record.

It was moved by Trustee Thorstenson, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve of a Proclamation designating October 2017 as “Let’s Talk Month” in the Village of Gurnee.

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried**

4. Approval of a Proclamation designating October 2017 as “Crime Prevention Month” in the Village of Gurnee.

Mayor Kovarik read proclamation into record.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Jacobs to approve of a Proclamation designating October 2017 as “Crime Prevention Month” in the Village of Gurnee.

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried**

5. Reminder: 2017 Trick-or-Treat Hours – October 28th from 2:00 P.M.to 5:00 P.M.

**E. REPORTS**

None.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Ord. 2017 - 45 approving the purchase of real estate located at 4629 – 4630 Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois.

Mr. Muetz said the August 21st Executive Session discussion revolved around the opportunity to purchase the barber shop building on Old Grand (4629-4630 Old Grand) as it was discovered the owner had an interest in selling it following the July 2017 flood. Following this discussion, staff reached out the owner and made an offer of \$105,000 for the property. After some consideration, the owner communicated that this offer was acceptable. Attorney Winter has prepared the necessary ordinance and sales contract and will facilitate the transfer of ownership. Following the closing process, staff will work to solicit bids for demolition and restoration of the property back to green space. Preliminary estimates put this cost around \$20,000. He continued to say with the realignment of Emerald, removing this structure will be a nice improvement in the area and will result in another property being removed from this flood-prone area. The property was #4 of 25 on the revised floodplain property list that staff updated earlier this year.

Trustee Balmes asked if the tenants have moved out.

Attorney Winter said the Village was told they will be out soon and the closing will not take place until they have vacated the property.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Ord. 2017 - 45 approving the purchase of real estate located at 4629 – 4630 Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois.

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 6- Jacobs, Ross, Garner, Balmes, Hood, Thorstenson**

**NAY: 0- None**

**ABSENT: 0- None**

**Motion Carried.**

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**H. PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

None.

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**Closing Comments**

None.

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**Adjournment**

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to adjourn the meeting.

**Voice Vote:    ALL AYE:    Motion Carried.**

Mayor Kovarik adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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**Andrew Harris,  
Village Clerk**